RECEIPTS.

| July 13,1835, to balance on hand   | 1.782<br>1,506<br>2,276   | 504          |
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| Total  | \$6,115   | 1            |
| DISBURSEMENTS.   |   |              |
| Superintendent's and teachers' salaries from Sept., 1855, to Jan. 22, 1880 Janitor's salary 20 desks Repairs on ferces, cisterns, etc. 1,150 busslels of coal Stoves F. & M. Nat. Bank, demand loans F. & M. Nat. Bank, owndraft F. & M. Nat. Bank, int. on loans 500 catalogues and one doz, diplomas. Taking scholastic population General school supplies Feb. 1, 1886, balance on hand | \$3,765<br>60<br>77<br>23<br>125<br>42<br>1,525<br>300<br>11<br>63<br>25<br>112 | 010042007005 |
| Total  | \$6.115   | ä            |

I have the pleasure of submitting my semi-annual financial report ending February 1, 1886. The school fund, from State, county and city, will be sufficient to cancel bills payable and complete the remaining session. Under the excellent supervision of Supt. J. W. Graham, with a most efficient corps of teachers, our public schools are making rapid progress in every department. The improved methods used are perceptible in every class, and remarkable results show the good and earnest work done by our teachers. It is especially noticeable in that very important branch of education composi; tion and the closer study of the English language on which great attention has been bestowed. It would be a source of gratification and encouragement to the teachers if the parents of the pupils would visit the school frequently. I would call special attention to the fact that whilst the intellectual and moral training of the pupils is accomplished, their health must suffer from the over crowded school-rooms, particularly those of the primary departments. I wish to refer to that much appreciated and exhaustive work of Dr. Daniel F. Wright, on school hygiene, and the recommendations of Supt. J. W. Graham in our catalogue of 1885. All citizens are interested in this important matter and the city authorities should endeavor to remedy the existing evil. I can not forbear special mention of the great loss to the colored public school by the death of its principal, A. S. Merry, who worked with untiring zeal and success. Very respectfully,

LEOPOLD BLOCH, Sec'y and Treas, Board of Education. Audited and found correct.

JNO. W. FAXON, C. D. BAILEY, Auditing Committee.

### The Situation in Great Britain.

LONDON, Feb. 1. Gladstone's piety sent him to church Sunday morning. The crisis, however, left him no option but to break the Sabbath, a stream of visitors, including Earl Spencer and Mr. Hugh Chillers. besieged him all day, and the usually quiet Sunday of the great Liberal leader was devoted to the somewhat profane business of arranging political combinations. Notwithstanding the gigantic efforts which are being put forth, but one conclusion has thus far been reached, and that is that Lord Granville can not be reinstated in the foreign office. Between him and Mr. Gladstone there exists a strong personal friendship, and his former chief, unadvised, would have undoubtedly risked whatever opprobrium might have followed the selection of Lord Granville for his former position, but the almost universal condemnation expressed by leading Liberals of his conduct of affairs during his last term. precluded the possibility of his nomination at so exitical a period. Lord Hartington has been tendered the foreign Secretaryship, but his ac has been so lamentably out of joint over the events or the past few days that his willingness to serve is questioned. Political experts believe that the only workable scheme which Mr. Gladstone can successfully adopt, is to drop Home Rule entirely, and substitute for it a sweeping proposition far agrarian reforms in Ireland. This proposition should embody a liberal scheme for the purchase by the Gov't to her now?" of small holdings of land and a complete system for the relief of the prevailing agricultural distress the effect of an equitable, impartial measure would be speedier in its effects and more pacifying in its results than abstract Home more, which could perhaps satisfy the fancies but not the stomachs of the Irish masses. Besides, Lord Hartington would probably swallow his scruples to the extent of accepting a proposition for his feet. hand reform, while the very mention of Home Rule throws him into open revolt. Mr. Parnell would certainly accept a broad proposal for the correction of the existing abuses in land tenure a-

MISS KATE USSERV, of the Antioch visiting relatives on Greenwood avenue Monday.

an installment, and would support a

ministry which satisfied him in this di-

THE infant child of Mr. J. H. Meacham of Woodlawn, died Mo-

THE POOR LITTLE GIRL.

And the atmosphere in which he walked was gray.

Such a dull, motionless monotonous gray! No spirit, no color, no life in it—such a gray as is found in the inner corner of a building where the sun never

Rigid self-possession marks the set of his splendid body, the pose of his noble head. He is clad in a suit of plainest black, with cloak and cowl-not mournful, but so unlit. Iron might have been cast to make his features. Sculptor never brought from purest marble so stern, so unyielding, so chaste an outline. The piercing eyes wander not to right nor left seeking delights they can not find, nor do they discover the rough and stony walking which makes the progress slow, for they look straight into the lighted domes of a grand beyon! and the name of this man is Right.

And following slowly in his footsters trips the light form of Beauty; the fires of unwakened passion alumbering beneath the rich skin, in the depths of the lustrous eyes, in the diraples that showed here and there, as her restless, neverceasing movements tossed aside the light garments, or the gleaming mass of hair, which, jealous of the very air that touched her, sought to envelop her in its own protecting folds.

The ripe lips had never felt a pressure stronger than the bubble of the gay laugh, the cooing of the gentle voice which flowed through them.

The flowers of invocer t pleasure were in her arms and press d to the tender bosom which knew not its own precious-

Singing birds flew about her, and, seeking sympathy in the dullness, had lighted on the gleaming arms and shining hair-and she loved them and was

She cared not that the delicate limbs were often taxed beyond their strength, and the graceful feet strained in their effort to keep close to the steps of her unflinehing guide. She knew not that the road was rough, the atmosphere dismal. They had started out togetherthat was all-and she had faithfully and unconsciously trodden in his footprints, her eyes in their utmost joyousness never once losing sight of his protecting form. . . . . . .

But hark! The music! Low, delicious strains fill the air. Tremulous cadences rise and fall around her, startling into stillness the pulsing senses, deepening the tint in the delicate skin, the flash in the eyes' dark depths.

Her companion hears them not, nor can he see the wonderful things which now bursts upon her astonished vision. For his thoughts are far away. He has passed on beyond.

An arching gateway is beside her, and through its bars pour floods of rosy light that seem born of the ravishing strains which now burst forth.

One by one the bi.ds, charmed by the light and sound, leave her, and the flowers drop around her feet, as the thrilled arms gradually loose their hold and are raised in unconscious adoration of the glory which surrounds her.

Forms of knightly men and fair women move to and fro in the warm light, and the sound of voices and gay laughter fill the air.

Close, so close has she strayed, she can hear the rustle of the soft garment and smell the intoxicating perfume. In strange fear of the power that steals over her, she calls to her companion, who pauses but turns not toward her. He will wait, but will not come. She must follow him.

And lo! among the throng is a knight more grand and beautiful than the rest. His form is noble, his mien grand and lofty, his eye kind, and loving. The strength of Hercules and the beauty of Adonis mingle in his frame, and the tenderness of a mother for her first-born is in his bosom and speaks in his every mo-

His quick eye has discovered Beauty as she lingers, and, with a winning grace and a voice that has caught its tones from the music of the place, he woos her to approach nearer-mayhap to entert here.

But no; she must not tarry, she will not stay. Even now her companion is ing the first part of the voy-impatient at her long delay. See! he age, from Plymouth to Alexandria, the impatient at her long delay. See! he beckons her to come.

But the bright form beside her is so near, his words burning into her soul, his loving eyes holding her so close! A strange tingle is in the warm blood! An unknown flutter in the bounding streams within her! Shudderingly she

draws herself apart. She must away. In his cagerness he has left all his companions, and steps, with outstretched arms, down close to the gate which sep-

Close-still closer-till his lowest tones can reach her ear. He points out to her the dull air outside, the stern, unloving mien of her companion.

So close—his breath stirs the flames in her rippling hair; she can feel the heart-throbs which shake his frame. His hand is on the very latch! If he may but open!

"Oh, birds that can not speak! Oh, flowers that can not love! What are ye

His eloquence is not alone in urging her to stay. The craving for a light and glory before unknown, the slumber ing fires of passion now thoroughly kindled, the voices of her own loving heart, that freely bleeds in the fateful struggles -all join in the mastering pleadings of a love that will not stay.

Yet she moves away. For a life that is now death to her she must follow the stern form so patiently waiting her return, wrapped there in the gray and the gloom, the rough stones beneath

One glance at him, one burning look behind, and, with a wrench that threatens to separate soul and body, she tears herself away, and sinks on the stones at

Ah, if he would but stretch out those folded arms, give one loving glance from those austere eyes, speak one kind word to soothe the aching heart! He but bids her rise and follow on.

And the light gradually fades, the music dies away, the dear voice is still. neighborhood, on the Southside, was The singing birds have flown away, the sweet flowers all gone.

And she is alone out ide the gatein the gray and the gloom-with Right al sie for company! Ah God! how little any one knows.

His head has fallen upon his hand! What means this moisture in his eyes? Tears! Music again! And the rosy light! and -the gate is ajar!

how little any one cares, what it cost the

poor little girl to stay outside the gate with Right alone for company!

Ha, what means this! Her place is

empty; Right is going on alone! And why does he seem so sorrowful now!

But thir time the music seems to be out of tune. The gay laughter and the voices within seem to bear a malicious ring not heard before, and the light

burns what it touches. And what is that form gathered there on the soft floor? The hands crossed on the tired little bosom, the lustrous eyes closed on the pale, pale cheeks, the gleaming hair tossed in the dust!

Where are the joy and the laughter, the bright color from the cheeks, the restless motion from the delicate limbs, and why are the ripe, red lips so sad and

The gay company are all turned away.

Some jeer, some laugh. One, kinder

than the rest, gathers the bright hair that careless feet have trampled upon, while something like tears dim her eyes. And where-ah, where are the manly form, the soothing tones, the eye of love:

and why is not that poor little form now circled by the outstretched arms once so eager to embrace it? Ah, pitying heaven, can it be! H too, joins the jeering throng! His gay

laugh mingles with the rest, and hi arms now circle a form that cares no whose they may be; whose coarse laugh mocking words and scornful finger poinin derision to the strength which was not strong enough, the beauty which no longer lives.

Yet something like moisture, too. gathers in his eyes, and something like a sigh is wafted to the white figure which now, alas! it comforts not.

How little any one knows, how little any one cares what it cost the poor little girl to find out on which side of the gate sie is most entirely, wretchedly, utterly alone.—["6-5-20" in Inter Ocean.

How Texas Came into the Union.

That usually accurate and judicious paper, The Cleburne Chronicle, says When Texas was admitted into the Union it was under a solemn contracthat whenever she desired to withdray from the Union she could do so," Could The Chronicle produce such a contract i would rank as one of the most curious secrets in diplomacy. The articles of annexation passed by the United States congress simply provided for the admis-sion of Texas "as one of the states of the Union" under certain conditions; but not a word was said of the right of the state to secede.

After various negotiations on the subject the United States congress passed a joint resolution declaring that the ter ritory belonging to the republic of Texas might be erected into a new state and be a-imitted into the Union on certain conditions, including the cession by Texas to the United States of public edifices. such as fortifications, barracks, forts and harbors, navy and navy vards, docks. magazines, armanent and all other property and means pertaining to public de fense, Texas to retain all her public lands, funds, debts, taxes and dues of every kind. Texas, through her con gress and a convention, accepted the conditions. The final act of the United States congress on the subject de-larethat Texas "is admitted into the Unio: on an equal footing with the origina states in all respects whatever."-[Galveston (Tex.) News.

Coal and Transportation.

Notwithstanding the well-known imperfections in all appliances for utilizing the full amount of energy which is due to the combustion of coal, both on land and water, the great improvements in that direction which have been made during the last quarter of a century are indeed remarkable. A single example, for instance, is afforded in the case of the steamer Burgos, built especially to carry cargoes cheaply at a low speed, and which left England for China with a cargo weighing 5,600,000 pounds. Durconsumption of coal was 282,240 pounds, the distance being 3,380 miles; the consumption per mile was, therefore, only 83.5, pounds, and the consumption per ton of cargo per mile 0.028 of a pound; in other words, half an ounce of coal propelled one ton of

cargo per mile. It is further stated that the best locomotive performance in this country shows a consumption of about two ounces of coal per ton of freight hauled one mile, at the rate of thirteen miles an hour, including stoppages; on lines having grades of from fifty-three to seventy feet per mile, the consumption often rises to five or more ounces. - Boston Budget.

The Return of the Funeral Procession. My observation on life is that it is not much concerned with death. If you notice how fast the carriages come away from the funerals, even with the chief mourners in them, you will infer that life starts afresh with the first hunger after a deprivation. These cemeteries which surround our cities are the highest proofs of our piety, for although we seldom visit them after we have laid the dead there, we do devote some art and a good deal of money to the worship of our ancestors, like the Chinese. But our ancestors set us the example; they never had a Jewish wailing place, never regretted the fall of Jerusalem or any other spot, but went on wor shiping the future with all their might. -[Gath's Letter.

Neglected by the Queen.

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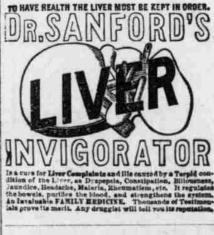
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